

## ELKS AT BANQUET WHETPATRIOTISM

Three Hundred Members of Rock Island Lodge Cheer Flag at Annual Celebration.

### STATE'S ATTORNEY SPEAKER

Amalgamation of Peoples in This Country Through Elimination of Hyphen Urged in Talks.

Sentiments of true Americanism and elimination of the hyphen were cheered amid a dining demonstration by 300 Rock Island Elks at their eighth annual banquet last night.

When State's Attorney Floyd Thompson paid an eloquent tribute to the American flag 300 stood and sang "America" with a vim that permitted no mistake as to the sincerity of their patriotism.

"B. P. O. E. spells A-m-e-r-i-c-a," Mr. Thompson said. "We want to remember this flag before us. It was born on June 14, 1776, even before this nation was born. It is the only flag that never has met defeat, the only flag never trampled upon. It is the only flag."

At this point Mr. Thompson was interrupted when the orchestra struck up "America" and the guests sang.

"Stand by old Abe Lincoln and his principles," Mr. Thompson continued. "Stand by him because he was president of the United States. Stand by every president of the United States. Stand by President Wilson, because he is president of the United States." The speaker was again interrupted by applause.

Mr. Thompson during the beginning of his talk said that Rock Island lodge of Elks, in holding exercises at the court house for the benefit of newly naturalized citizens had initiated a move that is attracting country-wide attention. He said the lodge gives the new citizens a better understanding of what America stands for. He stated that the mere asking of questions in court meant little to the applicant.

The club rooms began filling at 7 o'clock. At 7:30 the Elks' five-piece orchestra played the first number of a program of popular music. At 8:15 members adjourned to the lodge room on the third floor, where the repast was served.

### Decorations Beautiful.

The lodge room was beautifully decorated. Streamers of purple and white, colors of the order, and American flags were suspended from the walls. American flags were placed upright on the tables and potted plants were also used in the table decorations.

One of the "hits" of the banquet was the elk helmet given to each guest. The helmet was of heavy cardboard which fitted over the head. In the front was an elk head.

When the repast was finished, G. Will Roth, exalted ruler of the lodge, introduced Robert R. Reynolds, toastmaster. Mr. Reynolds stated that during the last eight or nine years the lodge had grown from a membership of 150 to 500. He stated the banquet is observed on the anniversary of the removal from the old club rooms in the Illinois theatre building to the present quarters. Mr. Reynolds introduced Dr. C. L. Leigh, past exalted ruler of Davenport lodge. Dr. Leigh spoke on "The Value of Our Membership." He made an appeal to bind the ties of tri-city Elks closer.

Axel Kohler, who represented Moline lodge at the banquet, told of the

wonderful results being accomplished in the big brother movement. He said that the lodge now had 100 boys directly or indirectly under its care. He told of many incidents showing the excellent results accomplished.

Mayor M. R. Carlson of Moline spoke on the good work accomplished by the Elks. He paid a tribute to the flag. He said that charity did not always mean the giving of money, but that often by extending a kind word more good is accomplished than can be valued in money.

### Judge Larson Talks.

Judge N. A. Larson said that this country now is advocating what the Elks' lodge has advanced from the time it was founded. He said that President Wilson and other statesmen who are asking the elimination of the hyphen are only asking what the order has advocated for years.

A. R. Terney of Chicago, president of the Three-Eye league, was among the out of town Elks present at the banquet. He was called upon to speak. Mr. Terney stated that social gatherings in the order, such as the banquet last night, brought the membership out as no meeting could. He reviewed the statements of some of the speakers and endorsed the patriotic sentiments made. He closed stating that he hoped that he would be able to furnish Rock Island with Three-Eye league baseball next summer.

Cabaret talent from the New Harper house, the Rock Island house and Hotel Harms entertained with songs until 11 o'clock when Robert Rexdale recited the eulogy to absent brothers, the "Elks Eleven O'clock Toast," of which he is author.

During the evening popular songs were sung by the guests, a program of the numbers having been provided by the committee.

## WALL STREET PRESS ATTACKING ACTION

(Special to The Argus.)

Washington, Feb. 15.—The action of Wall street newspapers and other large city newspapers leading the fight for preparedness in bitterly attacking the action of the senate committee for favorably reporting the government armor plate factory bill is being much commented upon by members of congress.

The appearance of these editorials is causing more than one congressman to ask himself whether the foremost preparationists are advocating big army and navy appropriations with the expectation that the Wall street controlled war trust will make huge profits.

"It is mighty peculiar," declared a Texas congressman, "that those who demand the largest army and navy appropriations are so bitterly opposed to government manufacture. The situation furnishes food for thought to intelligent people."

The action of the armor ring in threatening to raise its prices \$200 a ton if the government ventured into the armor making business is also causing much comment in Washington. It is making sentiment favorable to government manufacture.

## EDGINGTON

Miss Leah Underwood was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown and son Richard visited friends in Andalusia on Sunday.

Quite a few from this vicinity attended Maynard McDonald's sale Monday.

Mrs. Charles Crawford spent Monday with Mrs. George Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Elliott visited in Rock Island Tuesday.

The ice cutting began Monday and the ice houses in this vicinity are being rapidly filled.

George Platt attended lodge in Reynolds Thursday evening.

Mrs. John Mills and son Harley were in Edgington Thursday to superintend the moving of their household goods to Eliza.

Miss Leah Underwood went to her home Friday evening to remain over Sunday.

Miss Alden, the teacher of the Edgington Center school, was a visitor at the North Edgington school Friday.

A box supper will be held at the North Edgington school Friday, Feb. 25, to which all are invited.

Quite a number from this vicinity attended Jack Flarshy's sale Thursday.

Morning services in the Presbyterian church was conducted by Mrs. Stewart, who will continue to fill the pulpit until the pastor is able to conduct the services.

Friends in Edgington were delighted to hear that Mr. Johnson's health was sufficiently improved to permit his return to Chicago, where he will make his home with his son Merle. It is hoped that he will soon be able to visit friends in Edgington.

Jack Flarshy will move soon to Taylor Ridge, where he intends to take charge of the livery barn.

Mrs. Ira Buffum and son Esta spent Wednesday with Mrs. Mary Powell.

### New Russ Paper in Berlin.

Berlin.—An official communication announces the foundation of a new Russian paper in Berlin, the Russkii Westnik, whose purpose it is to keep Russian readers informed "in an impartial sense" of the military and political situation. The Russian prisoners of war, says the communication, feel especially the need of a newspaper which estimates events "quietly and objectively." This will be the only Russian paper they are permitted to receive.

### Ohlons and Offices.

An Ohio circuit judge said in state versus Gebert: "It may almost be said to be a part of the common law that an Ohio man may occupy as many offices as he can be elected or appointed to."

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## WILL APPROVE OF CERTAIN DIMMERS

Tri-City Municipal Officials, in Season Here, Decide on a School of Instruction.

### ORDINANCES OF TOWNS SAME

Rock Island and Davenport Have Identical Headlight Laws and Moline Will Pass Similar One.

Officials of Rock Island, Moline and Davenport at a meeting in Mayor McConochie's office yesterday afternoon decided to hold a school of instruction at the Moline city hall at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, for the purpose of approving of certain kinds of automobile headlight dimmers.

Mayors McConochie, Carlson and Mueller, the city attorneys of the three cities, and a committee, one from each city, of the Tri-City Automobile Trade association attended the meeting here. Commissioner Rudgren of this city was also present.

The meeting disclosed the fact that the dimmer ordinances in Rock Island and Davenport are identical in nature and easy of interpretation. Moline has no ordinance but will pass one similar to those in force in Rock Island and Davenport, thus assuring uniformity which will relieve confusion among automobile owners as to laws in the different cities.

### Will Select Standard.

The school of instruction will be held in a darkened room. It will be conducted by the committee of the Auto Trade association. Various makes of dimmers will be exhibited and those which meet the approval of the officials will be made standard for the three towns.

This will give the dealers an opportunity to inform and instruct the owners as to the requirements of the cities. The mayors, attorneys, police commissioners and chiefs of police of the three municipalities will attend the meeting.

## ALL HUMORISTS BUT ONE, CLAIM OF BANGS

American character was ably defended by John Kendrick Bangs in an address made last evening before members of the After-Dinner club of Moline. His defense of the American people in their qualifications of civility, culture and humor was in refutation of charges made by a certain western woman writer that civility and humor were woefully lacking in the young people of today—the speaker characterized effect of her articles as muck-raking the cradle. Of the 100,000,000 persons in the United States, Mr. Bangs declared that all but one were humorists. He would not mention name of the person who wasn't, but he said if the editor of the New York Post were present the speaker would have said: "That person is you." Gift of humor was evolved from out of the time of chaos, said the speaker. Many years ago it was used to offend, he said, but it has developed to bring joy and happiness, to make life more valuable and sweeter.

To charges that the American boys and girls have no sense of civility, no self-control, he was severe in his denunciations. Of course, he said, there are human birds, who strut back and forth through peacock alleys of hotels in the larger cities, with sailor chests and concave backs, but these do not represent the rank and file of young America of today, he said. The last point touched upon by the speaker was that of culture. He said that to stand for the higher things in life was better than culture. Elias Day, announced as a comedian, is to be speaker at the March meeting of the After-Dinner club.

### King of Barotseland Dies.

London, Feb. 15.—From Livingstone, Rhodesia, the death is announced of Lewanika, king of Barotseland, a powerful native ruler friendly to the British. Barotseland is in the northwest of Rhodesia.

# The Theatre

### EMPIRE.

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### COLUMBIA.

Vaudeville (Davenport). Two performances daily, at 2:45 and 8:15. Three Saturday and Sunday, at 2:45, 7:30 and 9 o'clock.

### MAJESTIC.

Monday and Tuesday—Willard Mack, George Fawcett and Clara Williams in "The Corner." "Fatty" Arbuckle and Mabel Normand in "Fatty and Mabel Adrift." Wednesday and Thursday—Jane Grey and Tully Marshall in "Let Katy Do It." Sam Bernard and Keystone company in "The Great Pearl Tangle."

Friday—Dustin Farnum in "A Gentleman From Indiana." Saturday—Marguerite Clark in "The Prince and the Pauper." Sunday—Edmund Breese in "The Lure of Heart's Desire."

### SPENCER SQUARE.

Tuesday—Florence Reed in "New York." Wednesday—Florence Reed in "New York." Thursday—Marie Empress in "Love's Cross Roads."

### BLACK HAWK.

Tuesday—Cal Marvin's Wife, "The Babe of the Low Down Expert on Babies." Wednesday—Pearl White in "The King's Game." Thursday—"The Pitfalls." "Snakeville's Eugenic Marriage." Friday—"The Luring Game." "The Tramp Telegrapher." "Hazards of Helen." Saturday—"The Taint Love." "Pepper and Sweets." Sunday—Edwin Arden in "The Beloved Vagabond."

### THE BEST.

Tuesday—"His Good Name," "Safety First and Last." Wednesday—"Diamond From the Sky" (No. 26), "The Kingdom of Noddy Land." Thursday—"The Connecting Link." "The Awakening of Patsy." Friday—"Simon the Jester." Pathe Gold Rooster play in five acts. Saturday—"The Spoilers," in nine reels. Sunday—"My Old Dutch."

### AT THE SPENCER SQUARE.

"New York," a modern drama of life in a large city, is to be presented today and tomorrow at the Spencer Square, with Florence Reed as the featured player. She is supported by John Milner, Fania Marinoff, Forrest



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## NEWS NOTES from MOVIELAND

67 DAISY DEAN

Perhaps no one has created such a wide variety of roles on the screen in so short a period as has Marguerite Clark. She appears first as the little country girl in "Wildflower." "The Crucible" presented her as an artist's model. In "Gretna Green" she was a coquette of old England.

Then came the little Hungarian hoyden in "Seven Sisters," who turned into a heartless little flirt in "The Pretty Sister of Jose." "Helene of the North" was an English girl in the Canadian northwest and the little girl of the canal boat in "Still Waters" bore no relation to the two little boys in "The Prince and the Pauper."

This charming and versatile little person will next appear before us as a little Swiss shepherdess in the Alps. But where is "Molly Make Believe?" It seems to have been forgotten.

### Metro Players off to Arctic Regions.

In the fastnesses of ice and snow in Labrador, a company of Metro players will soon be at work on an unusual five-part feature production.

The company will soon leave Portland, Me., for the frozen north in two big ships, one of which is a staunch Arctic going vessel, and the other a tramp steamer, which will be used in staging the pictures. In the final scene in which it is used the tramp will be shown in a head-on collision with a huge iceberg.

Hamilton Revelle, last seen in "An Enemy to Society," is to be starred.

### Paramount Jap in Oriental Feature.

Sessue Hayakawa, the celebrated Japanese actor, is to be starred by the Lasky company in a special oriental play written by Jeanie MacPherson.

He will be supported by his wife, Ysuru Aoki. Some of the scenes may be made in Japan. This new Paramount picture promises to be a great production resplendent in oriental coloring.

Claire Whitney and William E. Shay have completed work in the William Fox photoplay, "The Ruling Passion," which was made at the Fox studios in Kingston, Jamaica. The picture has an Oriental coloring and deals with the power of an Indian prince who is



Marguerite Clark.

She looks like a little French doll, but in reality she is a finished actress, second only to Mary Pickford in popularity.

skilled in the art of the Eastern mystics.

Earle Williams, the popular Vitagraph star, is working in a five-part Blue Ribbon feature written by Marguerite Bertsch and being filmed under the supervision of William P. S. Earle. The story gives Mr. Williams many opportunities to exercise his exceptional talent.

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